GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Roadmap for Affordable Nutraceuticals
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ministry has any roadmap to make nutraceuticals affordable and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated cost of nutraceuticals post Goods and Services Tax; and

(c) whether measures have been taken in this regard to make it affordable and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): No. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has no such plan, as the issue of making nutraceuticals affordable does not fall within the mandate of the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006. Mandate of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the FSS Act is to regulate manufacture, distribution, sale and import of such products as per the provisions of Section 22 of the Act. Accordingly, FSSAI vide notification dated 23.12.2016 has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary use, Food for Special Medical purpose, Functional Food and Novel Food) Regulations, 2016.

(b): The issue of cost of nutraceuticals does not come under the purview of FSSAI. Further, as informed by the Ministry of Finance, Goods and Services Tax (GST) Rate on Protein concentrates & textured protein and Diabetic foods is 28% and 18% respectively.

(c): Does not arise in view of the position indicated above.